

Of all the proposals I feel that FISTS has the best proposal. CW requires no computer and can bridge the language barrier. I feel that an Amateur Extra should be able to show proficiency of CW as well as knowledge of the art of radio communications and electronics. If Amateur Radio is to remain a service for emergency needs, we should be prepared to use all modes, not just phone. CW has proved to be a very energy saving mode by not requiring the high power use of phone transmissions. RM-10811 is a way to keep this country as the best-prepared nation on earth as far as emergency communication. I hope the FCC will not be convinced to weaken our nation by the elimination of a CW requirement.